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Dulles Says West Gains Most From Defectors

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (AP) — Allen W. Dulles, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency, says there have been more important defections from the Communist world than from the West.

Mr. Dulles reminisced during a taped telecast yesterday.

"I would say that today and for the last—about 10 years, there have been more important defections, volunteers, from the Soviet Union and the Communist world to the West than from the West to the East," Mr. Dulles said.

Reference to Burgess

Discussing the defection behind the Iron Curtain of British diplomat Guy Burgess, Mr. Dulles said:

"His (Burgess) way of life was not normal. And . . . he got to enjoy the excitement. And he became a Soviet agent apparently fairly early . . . and having once been caught in the tolls, the excitement of the thing kept him going. . . ."

Mr. Dulles said Russian Col. Rudolph I. Abel, who was sent to the United States as an agent and posed as a photographer in Brooklyn until his capture, was exposed by a Soviet defector.

He complimented the British for vigorously pursuing spies

when clues are uncovered, but the former CIA chief added:

"I regret to say that the same is not the case, say, with regard to all the continental European countries. They say 'Well, what can we do?'

That doesn't apply to all European countries, but there are one or two, and I won't want to mention them. . . ."

Beria Execution Important

Mr. Dulles said a bonanza of intelligence information reached the West as a result of the execution of Lavrenti Beria, head of the Soviet secret police under Stalin.

Said Mr. Dulles:

" . . . When he was liquidated, those men serving abroad in the MVD, as it was called at that time, felt it was likely that there would be a tremendous change, there'd be a purge. . . ."

The greatest intelligence damage inflicted on the West, Mr. Dulles said, grew out of the defection of British Atomic Scientist Klaus Fuchs.

Fuchs advanced Soviet nuclear bomb development by many months by handing over secrets in the late 1940s, Mr. Dulles said.